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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Farms & Land in Farms

Louisiana and U. S. Farms and Land in Farms

The number of farms in **Louisiana** in 2010 was estimated at 30,000 farms, unchanged from the previous year. Land in farms totaled 8.1 million acres, unchanged from 2009.

The number of farms in the United States in 2010 was estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these sales classes by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Farm numbers increased slightly in the \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$500,000 and over sales classes. Higher commodity prices and larger value of sales contributed to changes in the number of farms within these sales classes. Farm numbers increased 0.1 percent, to 1.2 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, the number of farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class, increased by 1.6 percent, to 126,720 farms.

Land in farms increased in the largest sales class while decreasing in all other sales classes. Land operated by farms in the \$500,000 and over in sales class increased 3.0 percent, to 298.9 million acres. Land operated by farms with \$1,000 - \$9,999 in sales decreased by 0.6 percent, to 105 million acres.

The **average farm size** was unchanged in 2010. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms and Average Farm Size by State and United States, 2009-2010¹

Selected States	Number of Farms		Land in Farms		Average Farm Size	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	----- Number -----		----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Acres -----	
Alabama	48,500	48,500	9,000	9,000	186	186
Arkansas	49,100	49,300	13,600	13,700	277	278
Florida	47,500	47,500	9,250	9,250	195	195
Georgia	47,600	47,400	10,300	10,300	216	217
Louisiana	30,000	30,000	8,050	8,050	268	268
Mississippi	42,300	42,400	11,050	11,150	261	263
Oklahoma	86,500	86,500	35,100	35,200	406	407
Tennessee	78,700	78,300	10,900	10,900	139	139
Texas	247,500	247,500	130,400	130,400	527	527
United States	2,200,210	2,200,930	919,890	919,990	418	418

¹A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold, or would normally be sold, during the year.

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